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Examiner: Lilling, Herbert J.

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For: BIOOXIDATION CAPABILITIES  
OF CANDIDA SP.

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Sir:

In response to the requirement for restriction set forth in the Office Action mailed May 1, 2002 in the above-identified application, applicants elect with traverse the subject matter of the claims of Group I, i.e., Claims 1-15.

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed May 1, 2002, the Examiner issued a requirement for restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 categorizing original Claims 1-30 as follows:

Group I made up of Claims 1-15 drawn to a process for producing a carboxylic acid by culturing *Candida sp.* in the presence of a substrate; and

Group II made up of Claims 16-30 drawn to a process for producing an alcohol by culturing *Candida sp.* in the presence of a substrate.

Applicants elect, with traverse, the subject matter of the claims of Group I, i.e., Claims 1-15, for examination in this application. Applicants respectfully

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